

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

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1. (Currently Amended) A muzzle brake configured for attachment to a firearm muzzle, said muzzle brake configured to dissipate a recoil force producing gasses ~~created by discharging said firearm~~ away from the location of a shooter, said muzzle brake comprising:

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a body having a first end adapted for attachment to a muzzle, an outer surface extending from said first end to a second end along a generally longitudinal axis, a central bore configured to allow passage of a projectile from said first end to said second end along said generally longitudinal axis, said body defining a plurality of longitudinally elongated openings positioned nearest to said first end as compared to any other aperture within said outer surface of said muzzle brake, each of said elongated openings having a longitudinal dimension and a lateral dimension, said longitudinal dimension being greater than said lateral dimension, said elongated openings having a greater longitudinal dimension than any other aperture defined within said muzzle brake, said elongated openings connecting said central bore to said outer surface and configured to direct passage of gasses propelling a projectile away from said first end of said muzzle brake.

2. (Currently Amended) The muzzle brake of claim 1 wherein said body defines at least three ~~four~~ elongated openings and a plurality of secondary radial gas holes, said secondary radial gas holes located within said body distal from said first end, each of said radial gas holes having a perimeter and extending radially from said central bore to said outer surface.

3. (Original) The muzzle brake of claim 2 wherein said radial gas holes are generally linearly disposed along said longitudinal axis of said body.

4. (Withdrawn)

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6. (Withdrawn)

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8. (Withdrawn)

9. (Currently Amended) The muzzle brake of claim 3 wherein said elongated openings are comprised of a first radial gas hole defined within said body, said first radial gas hole having a first radial gas hole perimeter, and extending from said central bore to said outer surface, said first radial gas hole connected to a second radial gas hole defined within said body, said second radial gas hole having a second radial gas hole perimeter, and extending radially from said central bore to said outer surface, said first radial gas hole perimeter configured to overlap said second gas hole perimeter.

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10. (Currently Amended) The muzzle brake of claim 3 wherein said elongated openings are comprised of a first radial gas hole defined within said body, said first radial gas hole having a first radial gas hole perimeter, and extending from said central bore to said outer surface, said first radial gas hole positioned proximate to a second radial gas hole defined within said body, said second radial gas hole having a second radial gas hole perimeter, and extending from said central bore to said outer surface, said second radial gas hole positioned proximate to a third gas hole defined within said body, said third gas hole having a third gas hole perimeter and extending from said central bore to said outer surface, said first radial gas hole perimeter configured to overlap said second gas hole perimeter, and said second gas hole perimeter configured to overlap said first gas hole perimeter and said third gas hole perimeter.

11. (Withdrawn)

12. (Withdrawn)

13. (Currently Amended) A muzzle brake configured for use with a firearm having a muzzle, said muzzle brake configured for reducing recoil while discharging said firearm, said muzzle brake comprising:

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a cylinder having a first end adapted for attachment to a firearm, an outer surface extending from said first end to a second end along a longitudinal axis, a central bore configured to allow passage of a projectile through said cylinder, at least ~~four~~ three elongated first openings defined within said outer surface, said elongated first openings positioned nearest to said first end as compared to any other aperture defined within said outer surface of said muzzle brake, said elongated first openings positioned circumvolving around said outer surface near said first end, said first openings configured to have a longitudinal dimension and a lateral dimension, said longitudinal dimension being greater than said lateral dimension, said first openings having a greater longitudinal dimension than the longitudinal dimension of any other opening defined within said cylinder, said first openings further configured to extend from said central bore to said outer surface, said first elongated openings configured to direct discharge of propellant gasses away from said first end of said muzzle brake;

and a plurality of radial gas holes, said radial gas holes located proximate to said first openings and distal from said first end, said first end configured for attachment to the muzzle of a firearm; said central bore having a desired diameter and extending through the cylinder along said longitudinal axis; said radial gas holes linearly disposed along the longitudinal axis of the cylinder, each gas hole having a perimeter and a diameter smaller than said central bore, and extending radially from said central bore to said outer surface.

14. (Original) The muzzle brake of claim 13 wherein said opening is a first radial gas hole defined within said cylinder having a first radial gas hole perimeter, and extending from said central bore to said outer surface connected to a first channel defined within said outer surface, said first channel also connected to a second radial gas hole defined within said cylinder having a second radial gas hole perimeter, and extending radially from said central bore to said outer surface; said second radial gas hole being connected to a second channel, defined within said outer surface, said second channel also connected to a third gas hole defined within said cylinder having a third gas hole perimeter and extending from said central bore to said outer surface.

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15. (Original) The muzzle brake of claim 15 wherein said first channel and said second channel extend from said outer surface to said central bore.

16. (Previously Amended) The muzzle brake of claim 13 wherein each of said first openings are formed by a first radial gas hole defined within said cylinder, said first radial gas hole having a first radial gas hole perimeter, and extending from said central bore to said outer surface, said first radial gas hole connected to a second radial gas hole defined within said cylinder said second radial gas hole having a second radial gas hole perimeter, and extending radially from said central bore to said outer surface cylinder, said first radial gas hole perimeter configured to overlap said second gas hole perimeter.

17. (Withdrawn)

18. (Withdrawn)